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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shigcki TOMISHIMA

Serial No.: 09/996,574

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Victor A. MANDALA, Jf.

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated September 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A semiconductor memory device comprising:
- a plurality of memory cells arranged in rows and columns;
- a plurality of sub word lines, provided corresponding to the respective memory cell rows, each having memory cells on a corresponding row connected thereto;
- a plurality of main word lines, each provided corresponding to a prescribed number of sub word lines in said plurality of sub word lines and disposed in a first conductive layer, for transmitting a row select signal;